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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is the use of alkoxyated dendrimers for breaking oil/water emulsions. The alkoxyated dendrimers have a molecular weight of from 2400 to 100 000 g/mol and have been alkoxyated with C₂-C₄-alkylene oxide groups or a mixture of such alkylene oxide groups such that the alkoxyated dendrimer has a degree of alkoxylation of from 1 to 100 alkylene oxide units per free OH group. The alkoxyated dendrimers are added to the oil/water emulsions in amounts of from 0.0001 to 5% by weight, based on the oil content of the emulsion to be demulsified.